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Excellency,

On April 9, 2007, I transmitted to the Membership, the Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Recommendations contained in the Report of the High Level Panel on United Nations System Wide Coherence in the Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and the Environment: Report of the Secretary General" (A/61/836).

The General Assembly subsequently debated the Secretary-General's Report and the Report of the High Level Panel on the 16th and 17th April, 2007. Since then, I have undertaken extensive consultations with individual Member States, and groups of Member States to establish a transparent, inclusive and open process that will allow us to consider the Report in a result-oriented manner. After listening carefully to your views, I believe that the time has come, without further delay, to begin the intergovernmental process on System-wide Coherence.

In this context, I have decided to appoint Their Excellencies, Ambassador Hackett, the Permanent Representative of Barbados and Ambassador Hoscheit, the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg, to Co-Chair, on my behalf, the consultations in an open, transparent and inclusive manner. I would like to thank both Ambassadors for accepting this important task. The Co-Chairs will report to me on a monthly basis, beginning the end of June, on the progress made in these consultations.

I am hopeful that all Member States will enter into these consultations in good faith, bearing in mind the concerns of all, in a pragmatic, constructive and flexible manner. I am confident that delegations will extend their full support to the Co-Chairs in order to ensure a positive outcome to these consultations. I will personally continue to follow this important issue very closely and look forward to your continued support.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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